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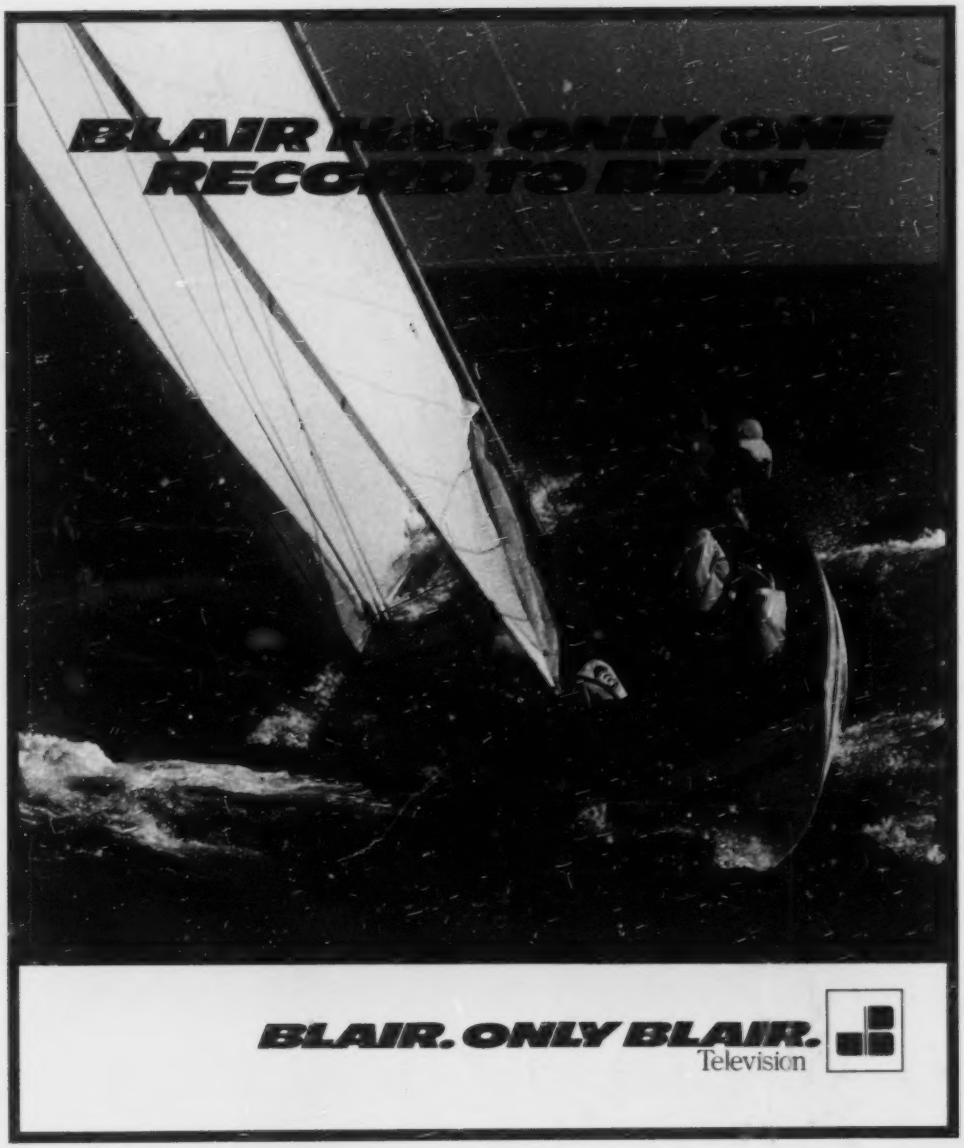

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Turner goes for MGM/UA

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Turner's sports detente

TBS signs agreement with Soviets for Goodwill games, to be played in Moscow in 1986; TBS to have all U.S. broadcast rights; production of coverage to be joint venture between TBS and Soviet broadcast authority

Turner Broadcasting System announced last week an agreement with Soviet broadcasting and sports authorities for the staging of what the parties involved say will be a quadrennial amateur sports event—the Goodwill Games, featuring competition among amateur athletes in selected sports such as swimming, gymnastics and track and field. If the games come off as planned, in July of 1986 in Moscow, say Turner officials, it will be the first time Soviet and American amateur athletes will have competed in an international summer festival of games since the 1976 summer Olympics in Montreal.

Last week's announcement was a media event in itself. A live, international video press conference linking New York, Moscow, Phoenix, and by voice circuit, London, was the vehicle used by TBS to make the announcement. Ted Turner played host to reporters at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York, while TBS Executive Vice President Robert Wussler represented TBS's interests in Moscow, where he could be seen via the satellite connection signing the agreements with officials of the Soviet broadcast authority, Gostelradio, and the Soviet sports authority, Soyuzsport. In Phoenix, Olympic diver Gregg Louganis, who could not make it to New York, was tied into the conference by satellite to give his reaction to the announcement. In London, a group of reporters representing the Western European press were gathered.

In effect, the proposed games would be a warm-up for the Olympics, although the Goodwill Games would be much smaller, with only 18 sports represented, compared to about 30 sports for the Olympics.

Under the agreement, with Moscow serving as the first host, Gosteleradio would

NBC turns in win number 11

NBC captured its 11th consecutive prime time ratings victory for the week ending Aug. 4 with a 12 average rating and a 23 average share based on Nielsen's National Television Index (NTI). CBS had an 11/20 and ABC a 10.7/20 for the week.

HUT levels for the week were down 8%, to 53.7, compared to the same week a year ago when the Olympics help put HUT levels at 57.3. Combined ratings were down 21% from the same week a year ago, from 42.9 to 33.7, and combined shares were off from last year's 76.3 to 62.8.

Among the week's specials was the *CBS Reports*, "Hiroshima, 40 Years and Counting," which placed 55th on the schedule of 65 programs with a 7.7/14.

In nightly wins, NBC took Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, while CBS won on Monday and Sunday, and ABC won on Friday and Saturday.

■ Monday was dominated by CBS's regular schedule. It took every hour that night, boosted by the third-, fourth- and fifth-ranked shows of the week. Monday tied with Thursday as the highest-rated night of the week (15.7).

■ The three hours that comprise NBC's regular schedule, led by eighth-ranked *Riptide*, outperformed the other two networks Tuesday night. ABC's schedule included a pilot, *Love Long Distance* (7.7/15).

■ NBC's regular schedule took every hour on Wednesday. It included the seventh-ranked *Highway to Heaven* and the 11th-ranked *Facts of Life*.

■ NBC's Thursday night schedule included the number-one ranked *Cosby Show* and the second-, 10th-, 16th-ranked shows, *Facts of Life*, *Cheers* and *Night Court*. NBC lost the 10-11 p.m. block to ABC's *20/20*.

■ ABC won Friday despite losing the 9-11 p.m. block NYT to a *CBS Special Movie Presentation* (12.3/24), "Tarzan, the Ape Man." From 8-9 p.m. NYT, ABC beat the competition with *Webster* and *Comedy Factory*.

■ ABC took Saturday with its regular schedule. The *CBS Saturday Night Movie*, "The Champ," scored a 7/14.

■ While the *ABC Sunday Night Movie*, "The Blues Brothers," was the 15th ranked show of the week, it could not give ABC the night, as CBS won on strength of the sixth-ranked *60 Minutes* and the 14th-ranked *Trapper John, M.D.*, both of which won their time periods.

Rank	Show	Network	Rating/Share
1.	The Cosby Show	NBC	19.6/38
2.	Family Ties	NBC	17.6/33
3.	Newhart	CBS	17.0/28
4.	Cagney & Lacey	CBS	16.9/29
5.	Kate & Allie	CBS	16.4/29
6.	60 Minutes	CBS	16.3/33
7.	Highway to Heaven	NBC	16.2/30
8.	Riptide	NBC	16.2/28
9.	20/20	ABC	16.1/29
10.	Cheers	NBC	15.8/29
11.	Facts of Life	NBC	15.8/28
12.	Remington Steele	NBC	14.9/27
13.	A Team	NBC	14.8/28
14.	Trapper John, M.D.	CBS	14.8/26
15.	The Blues Brothers	ABC	14.5/26
16.	Night Court	NBC	14.3/25
17.	Double Trouble	NBC	14.3/25
18.	Crazy Like a Fox	CBS	14.2/24
19.	Murder, She Wrote	CBS	13.8/26
20.	Who's the Boss?	ABC	13.6/23
21.	Scarecrow & Mrs. King	CBS	13.5/26
22.	Hill Street Blues	NBC	13.3/24
23.	Simon & Simon	CBS	13.2/24
24.	MacGruder & Loud	ABC	13.1/24
25.	TV Bloopers & Practical Jokes	NBC	12.4/23
26.	Tarzan, the Ape Man	CBS	12.3/24
27.	Sessions	NBC	12.3/21
28.	Webster	ABC	12.1/27
29.	St. Elsewhere	NBC	12.0/22
30.	Two Kinds of Love	CBS	11.8/21
31.	Ravagers	NBC	11.8/21
32.	Life's Embarrassing Moments	ABC	11.7/22
33.	Hail to the Chief	ABC	11.6/19
34.	Benson	ABC	11.5/23
35.	Hunter	NBC	11.4/23
36.	Comedy Factory	ABC	11.2/24
37.	Foulups, Bleeps & Blunders	ABC	10.8/20
38.	People Do the Craziest Things	ABC	10.7/21
39.	Finder of Lost Loves	ABC	10.6/21
40.	Three's A Crowd	ABC	10.6/20
41.	Love Boat	ABC	10.4/21
42.	Mama's Family	NBC	10.3/20
43.	Knight Rider	NBC	10.3/19
44.	Magnum, P.I.	CBS	10.1/19
45.	Hotel	ABC	10.0/18
46.	Rock 'n' Roll Summer Action	ABC	9.6/18
47.	Gimme A Break	NBC	9.3/19
48.	T.J. Hooker	ABC	9.2/21
49.	Monday Night Baseball	ABC	9.2/16
50.	Knots Landing	CBS	9.0/16
51.	Silver Spoons	NBC	8.1/16
52.	Ripley's Believe it or Not	ABC	7.8/16
53.	Royal Match	CBS	7.7/17
54.	Love, Long Distance	CBS	7.7/15
55.	Hiroshima, 40 Years	CBS	7.7/14
56.	Airwolf	CBS	7.6/17
57.	Baseball—White Sox/Yankees	NBC	7.6/16
58.	Dynasty	ABC	7.1/12
59.	It's Your Move	NBC	7.0/15
60.	The Champ	CBS	7.0/14
61.	Punky Brewster	NBC	6.9/14
62.	Summer of Innocence	ABC	6.6/12
63.	Our Time	NBC	6.5/15
64.	The Idolmaker	CBS	5.9/10
65.	Baseball Pregame	NBC	5.6/14

*indicates premiere episode

Angeles-based station group of one AM, three FM's and one TV. Filed July 30.

■ Stratmoor, Colo.—Four Brothers Broadcasting seeks 890 khz; 10 kw-D; 1 kw-N. Address: 335 E. Union St., Circleville, Ohio 43113. Principal is equally owned by Ed Burns, David Dawson, Tom Brankamp and Mark Puttick. It has no other broadcast interests. Filed July 29.

■ Dalton, Mass.—Lighthouse Broadcasting Co. seeks 890 khz; 10 kw-D. Address: 19 Candlewood Terrace, Medford, N.J. 08055. Principal is owned by Paul E. Schumacher and his wife, Nancy. It owns WSJL(AM) Cape May, N.J. Filed July 29.

■ Flemington, N.J.—Hunterdon Mercury Communications Inc. seeks 1040 khz: 5 kw-D; 1 kw-N. Address: 688 Route 202, 08822. Principal is owned by Delane R. Lipka and Charles A. Hecht. It has no other broadcast interests. Filed Aug. 1.

■ Bernalillo, N.M.—Marlene V. Borman seeks 890 khz; 10 kw-D; 1 kw-N. Address: 6720 Lakeview Dr., Carmichael, Calif. 95608. Principal has no other broadcast interests. Filed July 29.

■ Fayetteville, N.Y.—Upstate Broadcasters seeks 890 khz; 250w-D. Address: Rt. 1, Box 136, Ararat, Va. 24053. Principal is owned by Stuart Epperson and family. It owns eight AM's and two FM's. His brother, Ralph, owns three AM's and two FM's. His other brother, Harry, owns two AM's and one FM. It is also app. for new AM in Shickshinny, Pa., and Stafford, Va. (see below). Filed July 29.

■ Solvay, N.Y.—Solvay Radio seeks 890 khz; 500 w-D. Address: P.O. Box 61002, Sacramento, Calif. 95860. Principal is owned by Jane A. Filler, who has no other broadcast interests. Filed July 29.

■ Bethel Park, Pa.—Western Pennsylvania Broadcasters seek 890 khz; 2.5 kw-D. Address: Church & 5th Streets, Herminie, Pa. 15637. Principal is owned by Carl C. Auel, who has interests in six AM's and one FM. Filed July 29.

■ Shickshinny, Pa.—Central Pennsylvania Broadcaster seeks 890 khz; 2.5 kw-D. Address: Rt. 1, Box 136, Ararat, Va. 24053. Principal is owned by Stuart Epperson and family. He owns eight AM's and two FM's. His brother, Ralph owns three AM's and two FM's. His other brother, Harry, owns two AM's and one FM. It is also app. for new AM in Fayetteville, N.Y., and Stafford, Va. (see above and below). Filed July 29.

■ Anthony, Tex.—Southwestern Broadcasters seeks 890 khz; 10 kw-D; 1 kw-N. Address: 4610 Briarwood Dr., Sacramento, Calif. 95821. Principal is owned by James E. Auel, who has interest in four AM's. Filed July 29.

■ Falmouth, Va.—Lighthouse Broadcasting Co. seeks 890 khz; 10 kw-D. Address: 19 Candlewood Terrace, Medford, N.J. 08055. Principal is owned by Paul E. Schumacher and his wife, Nancy. It owns WSJL(AM) Cape May, N.J. Filed July 29.

■ Stafford, Va.—Greater Virginia Broadcasters seeks 890 khz; 1.5 kw-D. Address: Rt. 1, Box 136; Ararat, Va. 24053. Principal is owned by Stuart Epperson and family. It is also app. for new AM in Schickshinny, Pa., and Fayetteville, N.Y. (see above). Filed July 29.

■ Surry, Va.—Spann Communications seeks 890 khz; 25 kw-D. Address: 5525 S. State St., Chicago, 60621. Principal is owned by Pervis Spann, who owns WVON(AM) Cicero, Tenn., and WXSS(AM) Dover, Fla. Filed July 29.

TV

■ Las Vegas—4-A Communications seeks ch. 33; ERP vis. 5,000 kw; aur. 500 kw; HAAT: 1,143 ft.; ant. height above ground: 80 ft. Address: 4329 Ginralter Way, 89121. Principal has no other broadcast interests. Filed July 25.

Facilities Changes

Applications

AM's

Tendered

■ WIXR (1500 khz) Mount Pleasant, S.C.—Seeks CP to change freq. to 1480 khz. App. July 31.

■ WMSO (640 khz) Collierville, Tenn.—Seeks CP to change city of lic. to Germantown, Tenn. App. Aug. 1.

■ WSKT (1580 khz) Knoxville, Tenn.—Seeks CP to change freq. 1180 khz; change ERP to 1 kw, and change TL. App. Aug. 5.

Accepted

■ WFLZ (1200 khz) Thonotosassa, Fla.—Seeks MP to change TL and make changes in ant. sys. App. Aug. 5.

■ KKIC (950 khz) Boise, Idaho—Seeks CP to change daytime TL and replace ant. App. Aug. 1.

■ KTCJ (690 khz) Minneapolis—Seeks mod. of lic. to operate by remote control from main SL. App. Aug. 5.

■ WYAK (1270 khz) Surfside Beach, S.C.—Seeks CP to make changes in ant. sys. App. Aug. 5.

■ KRUN (1400 khz) Ballinger, Tex.—Seeks mod. of CP to request specified hours of operation. App. Aug. 1.

■ KLO (1430 khz) Ogden, Utah—Seeks CP to change TL. App. Aug. 5.

FM's

Accepted

■ WKRG-FM (99.9 mhz) Mobile, Ala.—Seeks mod. of CP to change HAAT to 1,804 ft. App. Aug. 1.

■ WREZ (103.3 mhz) Mongomery, Ala.—Seeks CP to change ERP to 100 kw; change HAAT to 991 ft., and change TL. App. Aug. 1.

■ KSUR-FM (99.5 mhz) Greenfield, Calif.—Seeks CP to change HAAT to 492 ft. and change TL. App. Aug. 1.

■ KDOL-FM (97.7 mhz) Mojave, Calif.—Seeks mod. of lic. to install new transmission sys. App. Aug. 5.

■ KZYR (103.1 mhz) Avon, Colo.—Seeks CP to change HAAT to 460.5 ft. App. Aug. 1.

■ KAZY (106.7 mhz) Denver—Seeks CP to change HAAT to 987 ft. App. Aug. 1.

■ KKMG (98.9 mhz) Pueblo, Colo.—Seeks CP to change TL and change HAAT to 1,210 ft. App. Aug. 1.

■ WOVV (95.5 mhz) Fort Pierce, Fla.—Seeks CP to change ERP to 100 kw; change HAAT to 982.69 ft., and change TL. App. Aug. 1.

■ WVEE (103.3 mhz) Atlanta—Seeks CP to change HAAT to 1,022 ft. and change TL. App. Aug. 1.

■ WWKI (100.5 mhz) Kokomo, Ind.—Seeks CP to change ERP to 28 kw. App. Aug. 1.

■ KKKX (95.7 mhz) Ottawa, Kan.—Seeks CP to change HAAT to 981 ft. App. Aug. 1.

■ KMAJ (107.7 mhz) Topeka, Kan.—Seeks CP to change HAAT to 1,214.4 ft. and change TL. App. Aug. 1.

■ KHAA (106.7 mhz) Port Sulphur, La.—Seeks CP to change ERP to 100 kw; change HAAT to 981 ft., and change TL. App. Aug. 1.

Summary of broadcasting as of June 30, 1985

Service	On Air	CP's	Total *
Commercial AM	4,792	170	4,962
Commercial FM	3,801	418	4,219
Educational FM	1,194	173	1,367
Total Radio	9,787	761	10,548
FM translators	789	444	1,233
Commercial VHF TV	541	23	564
Commercial UHF TV	374	222	596
Educational VHF TV	113	3	116
Educational UHF TV	186	25	211
Total TV	1,214	273	1,487
VHF LPTV	218	74	292
UHF LPTV	127	136	263
Total LPTV	345	210	555
VHF translators	2,869	186	3,055
UHF translators	1,921	295	2,216
ITFS	250	114	364
Low-power auxiliary	824	0	824
TV auxiliaries	7,430	205	7,635
UHF translator/boosters	6	0	6
Experimental TV	3	5	8
Remote pickup	12,338	53	12,391
Aural STL & intercity relay	2,836	166	3,002

* Includes off-air licenses.

■ WFUR-FM (102.9 mhz) Grand Rapids, Mich.—Seeks CP to change ERP to 50 kw. App. Aug. 1.

■ WRPM-FM (107.9 mhz) Poplarville, Miss.—Seeks CP to change ERP to 92 kw; change HAAT to 1,459 ft., and change TL. App. July 31.

■ KRXL (94.5 mhz) Kirksville, Mo.—Seeks CP to change TL and change HAAT to 990 ft. App. Aug. 1.

■ KNSS (98.1 mhz) Carson City, Nev.—Seeks CP to change TL; change ERP to 5.9 kw, and change HAAT to 2,274.52 ft. App. Aug. 1.

■ WITU (103.5 mhz) Cobleskill, N.Y.—Seeks mod. of CP to change TL and change HAAT to 492 ft. App. Aug. 1.

■ WPAC (92.7 mhz) Ogdensburg, N.Y.—Seeks CP to change ERP to 3 kw. App. July 31.

■ WFMX (105.7 mhz) Statesville, N.C.—Seeks CP to change HAAT to 100 kw and change TL. App. Aug. 1.

■ WAYZ-FM (101.5 mhz) Waynesboro, Pa.—Seeks CP to change TL; change ERP to 50 kw; change HAAT to 230 ft., and install DA. App. Aug. 1.

■ KWCB (94.3 mhz) Floresville, Tex.—Seeks CP to install aux. sys.; change TL; change SL to 1905 10th St., Floresville, Tex., and change HAAT to 300 ft. App. Aug. 1.

■ KWNS (104.9 mhz) Winnsboro, Tex.—Seeks CP to change HAAT to 282 ft. App. July 31.

■ WKDE-FM (105.5 mhz) Alta Vista, Va.—Seeks CP to change TL and change HAAT to 328 ft. App. Aug. 1.

■ *WJYJ (90.5 mhz) Fredericksburg, Va.—Seeks CP to change ERP to 50 kw and change HAAT to 538 ft. App. Aug. 1.

■ WMJR (107.7 mhz) Warrenton, Va.—Seeks CP to change ERP to 45 kw; change HAAT to 515 ft., and change TL. App. Aug. 1.

TV's

Accepted

■ *KBDI-TV (ch. 12) Broomfield, Colo.--Seeks CP to change ERP to vis. 229 kw, aur. 25 kw. App. Aug. 1.

■ WCBD-TV (ch. 2) Charleston, S.C.—Seeks MP to change TL and change HAAT to 1,949.7 ft. App. July 31.

Actions

AM's

■ WHOF (1320 khz) Coleman, Fla.—Granted app. to change SL. Action July 26.

■ WKLS (970 khz) Atlanta—Granted app. to change SL to 1800 Century Blvd., Atlanta. Action July 25.

■ KLLA (1570 khz) Leesville, La.—Granted app. to make changes in ant. sys. Action July 22.

■ WQKA (850 khz) Penn Yan, N.Y.—Granted app. to make changes in ant. sys. Action July 22.

■ KKNX (1400 khz) Huntsville, N.Y.—Granted app. to increase nighttime power to 1 kw. Action July 22.

■ KOZI (1230 khz) Chelan, Wash.—Dismissed app. to change TL. Action July 24.

■ KAAR (1480 khz) Vancouver, Wash.—Granted app. to reduce daytime power to 1 kw and make changes in ant. sys. Action July 24.

■ WXCO (1230 khz) Wausau, Wis.—Granted app. to make changes in ant. sys. Action July 22.

FM's

■ KBRQ-FM (105.1 mhz) Denver—Granted app. to change TL and change HAAT to 1,328.9 ft. Action July 24.

■ *WETA-FM (90.9 mhz) Washington—Granted app. to make changes in ant. sys. Action July 29.

■ WBOD (100.9 mhz) Canton, Ill.—Granted app. to change TL; change ERP to 3 kw, and change HAAT to 328 ft. Action July 30.

■ WQTZ (92.7 mhz) Decatur, Ind.—Granted app. to change TL; change HAAT to 396.88 ft., and make changes in ant. sys. Action July 23.

■ WCLS-FM (99.5 mhz) Detroit—Granted app. to change ERP to 21 kw. Action July 29.

■ *WTHS (89.9 mhz) Holland, Mich.—Granted app. to change submission of measure FM DA data. Action July 29.

■ WOKQ (97.5 mhz) Dover, N.H.—Returned app. to change TL; change HAAT to 499.9 ft., and make changes in ant. sys. Action July 25.

■ WLCQ (98.3 mhz) Clarksville, Va.—Granted app. to change HAAT to 298.48 ft. Action July 30.